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## ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Washington, D.C. 20231

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, Applicant requests consideration of the remarks set forth below:

## **ELECTION**

In the Office Action of June 18, 2002, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement. The Examiner identified three groups, namely, Group I (claims 1-8, 21-23, 24-36, and 47-57) drawn to a